Fixing of Wastewater to Kannegala Tank in Chamarajanagar Taluk.

*Q.—568. Sri U. M. MADAPPA (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the waste weir to Kannegala tank in Chamarajanagar Taluk is fixed up at 42 grade instead of 48-49 grade ;

(*b*) the capacity of the tank if the waste-weir is fixed up at 42 grade ;

(*c*) the reasons for not fixing up the waste-weir at 48-49 grade ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact the restoration of this tank is under progress ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The capacity of the tank at R.L. 55-00 will be 48 units and has no relation to the location of the waste-weir.

(*c*) This location is technically not feasible.

(*d*) Yes.

Increase in the Rates of Supply of Electricity by the Belgaum Electricity Co.

*Q.—602. Sri B. R. SUNTHANKAR (Belgaum City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Electricity Board have given sanction to the Belgaum Electricity Co., to increase the rates for power supply from November 1958 ;

(*b*) whether the Government or the Electricity Board have given sanction to the Belgaum Electricity Co., to interfere and control their supply in breach of Electricity Act, as stated by the licensee in their notice for the increase of rates ;

(*c*) if the sanction is not given, has the Government taken any steps to prevent the licensee from charging illegal rates ;

(*d*) if the sanction is given, has the Government satisfied that the licensee is not making unduly high profits, and if so, how ;

(*e*) whether they are aware that there is widespread agitation amongst the consumers of Belgaum in respect of illegal levy by the licensee ;

(*f*) whether they are aware that the consumers have been making representations to the Government since 1956 and recently they have sent a Memorandum to the Chief Minister, Electricity Board and the Electrical Engineer to the Government of Mysore but all are ignored ;

(*g*) whether they are aware that the dispute is referred by the consumers to the Electrical Inspector under Section 24 of the Indian Electricity Act 1910, and in spite of the consumers having offered to deposit the money with the Government as provided by the Act, the licensee have disconnected some of the supplies of the consumers in breach of the Section ;

(*h*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No sanction has been given.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of replies to (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) above ;

(*e*) There have been some protests from consumers to the Electricity Board against the increase in rates.

(*f*) There are no representations to Government by the consumers since 1956. The Belgaum Electricity Consumers' Committee has complained to the Electricity Board in respect of a notice to the consumers issued by the Company for increasing the rates.

(*g*) Except in two cases, the disputes have not been referred to the Electric Inspector in conformity with the provisions of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 ; the Inspector has given his decisions in those two cases. The offer of deposits with Government, by a consumer is not provided for in the proviso under Section 24 (2) of the Indian Electricity Act, 1910. A consumer can deposit the amount onl

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after the licensee himself makes a request to him in writing to make a deposit with the Electric Inspector. Government are not aware of any disconnections made by the licensee in breach of this Section.

(*h*) It is under consideration.

9-30 A.M.

Leave of Absence

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri G. B. Shankar Rao requesting leave of absence from the House from 3rd April till the end of the current session as he has been deputed by the Government of Mysore to attend the Orientation Training course at the Central Institute of Study and Research on Community Development.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri G. B. Shankar Rao for remaining absent from all the meetings of the Assembly till the end of the current Session ?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—I beg to lay on the Table the Budget Estimates of the Mysore State Electricity Board for the year 1959-60 as required by section 61 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I present the Ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA (Mangalore I).—I move :

"That this House agrees with the Ninth Report of the Business Advisory Committee."

Sri M. C NARASIMHAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—I beg to move :

"That the Business Advisory Committee's Report be referred back to the Business Advisory Committee for considering the suggestion of allocating 10½ hours for discussing the Mysore Land Reforms Bill."

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Amendment moved :

"That the Business Advisory Committee's Report be referred back to the Business Advisory Committee for considering the suggestion of allocating 10½ hours for discussing the Mysore Land Reforms Bill."

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—I need not speak at length so far as the Mysore Land Reforms Bill is concerned. Originally 3 days were allotted. It is admittedly a very important Bill.

Now, I find from the Report of the Business Advisory Committee that only 3½ hours have been allotted; that means, the Bill itself may not be even referred to the Select Committee in the course of the session. What is going to happen to the Bill, nobody knows and even nobody can say what will happen to so many other things that may come up for consideration. So, I suggest that this matter might be referred back.

I have one more point and that is this. The Public Accounts Committee and the Estimates Committee Reports which were also promised to be presented during the current session do not find any place anywhere. Lastly, I find there is item No. 4 put down for 27th April 1959 and that is Mysore Tenancy Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1959. That was not a Bill that was introduced in this House and no such Bill has been supplied to us. I wonder how the Business Advisory Committee allocated time for such a Bill

†ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ (ಗುಬ್ಬಿ).—ಲ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ರಿಫಾರಮ್ಸ್ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಮೂರೂವರೆ ಘಂಟೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ನೋಡಿದರೆ ನನಗಂತೂ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಏತಕ್ಕೆಂದರೆ ಜಿತ್ತ ಕಮಿಟಿ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟಿನಮೇಲೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ದೀರ್ಘವಾದ ಚರ್ಚೆನಡೆಯಿತು ಎಂಬುದು ತಮಗೆಲ್ಲಾ